



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

May 11, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30AM

PRELUDE

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Anthony Giamanco

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 23)

Harriett Kelly

One: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

All: **The Lord leads us in right paths for his name's sake.
Even when we walk through the darkest valley,
we will fear no evil, for you are with us;
your rod and your staff, they comfort us.**

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us
all the days of our lives,
and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord
our whole lives long.**

One: Let us remember the loving faithfulness of the Lord this day
and let us worship him in singing.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

* **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

You are invited to share words and signs of greeting and reconciliation.

* **GLORIA** Hymn 582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen.

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As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:17-32

Pew Bible, pg. 63 NT

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** 796

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“New Beginnings: Week 3”

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,**

breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"New Beginnings"

Paul Morton

* SONG RESPONSE

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

* HYMN OF SERVICE 727

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Thine Is the Glory"

arr. Gordon Young

*The benediction concludes our worship service. During the music of the postlude,
please feel free to leave the sanctuary, talk to those around you, or stay and listen to the music, as you choose.*

* Please stand as you are able.

*The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Windsor Cayden Dombrow for her 13th birthday on May 8th,
and in memory of Cayden Jordan Dombrow; by Medie Crockett.*

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, **we welcome you to Northwest**, with the hope that this service of worship will be for you an experience of real communion with God and God's children. If you have not found a church home in Atlanta, we hope you will consider joining with us in worship, study, fellowship, and service. There is a place for you here in which you can both give and receive. ***Come join us!***

The Ministers

All of the Members of the Northwest Presbyterian Congregation

The Session

Class of 2026

Jason Amos, *E*
Betty Bates, *Ca*
Craig Camp, *M*
Brian Moye, *C*

C=Connections
W=Worship

Class of 2027

Laura Blackburn, *E*
Cathy Ealick, *M*
Harriett Kelly, *W*
Rob Rankin, *W*

E=Education
Ca=Congregational Care

Class of 2028

Carroll Haris, *S*
Curt Thompson, *C*
Jeff Upchurch, *W*
Anneke Woodward, *S*

S=Stewardship
M=Mission

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Alex Moses
Clerk: Ezra Jones
Treasurer: Karen Taylor

The Staff

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses, Pastor
A.J. Shortley, Director of Youth, Young Adult & Community Outreach
Dr. Clinton Smith, Director of Music & Organist
Scott Mize, Director of Operations

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Northwest Presbyterian Church

May 11, 2025

Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday School—9:00am

Adult Bible Class—In the Session Room & on Zoom

Children’s Morning Fellowship—Children’s Building Room 2

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person & on YouTube.

Women’s Bible Study—Wednesday at 9:30am

In the Conference Room & on Zoom.

Men’s Bible Study—Wednesday at 10:00am

In the Youth Lodge & on Zoom.

Choir Rehearsal—Wednesday at 7:00pm

Prayers

For those in need of healing:

Sean Amos
Warren Wick
Ellen Carrington
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Virginia McClatchey
Lonnie Lamb
Frank J. André, III

David Wang
John Nixon
Jamie Kaplin
Ronald Bushrod, III
Becky Roberson
Kathy Taulman Vaughan
Philip Mowris
Dee Dee Teel
Charlotte Roland

For those who have died:

Bob Reed

For those in need of strength:

The people of Palestine & Israel
The people of Ukraine
Rev. Gamble & This Child Here
The Rev. Farouk Hammo &
Baghdad Presbyterian Church
Elmarie & Scott Parker

If you would like to place a name on the prayer list, we invite you to contact the church office at admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org or call 404-237-5539.

If you have already shared a prayer request, we kindly ask that you keep us informed with any updates by reaching out to Lynne Schlosberg at lynnesc@comcast.net or by contacting the church office.

May Birthdays

7th	Harriett Kelly	16th	Steven Sergan
8th	Windsor Dombrow	17th	Rebecca Holderread
9th	Carroll Harris	21th	Larry Wilkerson
11th	Jennifer Fortune	23rd	Veronica Glass
	Laura Moye		Carol Caldwell
14th	Penn McClatchey	30th	Steven Soteres

Submit Announcements to admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org

*Submissions are due by noon on Thursday the week before publication of the newsletters. Submissions received after the deadline will be included in the following week’s publications.

Northwest Missions

Sunday, May 18 - Joseph Murrey, the Senior Advancement Officer with **Thornwell** will be at Northwest during the Sunday School hour to talk about Thornwell's ministry, and for the minute for mission during worship service. Come learn and show your support for one of our ministry partners.

Save the Date!

The Service of Ordination to Minister of Word and Sacrament for AJ Shortley will take place Sunday, **June 8, 2025 at 3pm** in the sanctuary at Northwest Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

52 Club - Support Northwest Youth Mission

Please support the mission outreach of the Northwest Youth by donating \$1 per week, or \$52 annually, designated for the "52 Club." Even with this small individual amount, if everyone contributes our youth can do amazing things in our community!

Northwest Hymn Sing

Join us during worship on **Sunday, June 1**, for a joyful, music-filled Hymn Sing! We invite you to submit your favorite hymns by filling out a request slip—available beside the basket on the table in the narthex—any Sunday through May 25.

While we may not be able to sing every request, we'll be sure to include the most popular ones. Don't miss this special opportunity to help shape the music for a spirited and uplifting service!

Northwest Youth Mission Trip 2025

Our Northwest Youth will be heading to Charlotte, NC from June 15–20 to serve with CROSS Missions. This powerful week-long experience allows students to partner with local service agencies, build relationships across communities, and explore what it means to live out Christ's call to love our neighbors.

Northwest family, we are deeply grateful for your support of the Bike Rodeo Cookout and the Chili Cook-Off. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, the youth have raised \$2,034 toward their portion of the Mission Trip cost.

Vacation Bible School - June 9-13

Hey Campers!

Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Join us at **Live It Out Vacation Bible School**, where faith and fun come together for an unforgettable summer experience! Each day will be filled with **exciting games, hands-on crafts, uplifting worship, and powerful Bible stories** that will help us discover what it truly means to **love and follow Jesus**.



Jesus said in **John 13:34**, *"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you."* This week, we'll explore how to **love like Jesus**—by showing kindness and forgiveness, praying for and serving others, and learning how to **Live It Out** in our daily lives.

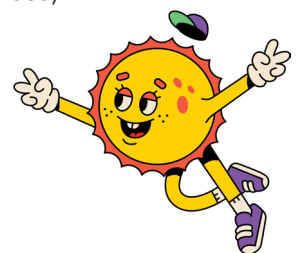
Don't miss out—register today and get ready for a summer to remember!

Want to be part of the adventure behind the scenes?

We're looking for **volunteers** who are excited to help create an amazing experience for our campers!

Whether you love leading activities, lending a helping hand, or simply sharing God's love, there's a place for you on our team. Sign up to volunteer and make a difference this summer!

We can't wait to see you there!



Northwest Youth

Sunday May 11: Youth group is taking off for Mother's Day

Sunday May 18: The youth group is heading to TreeTop Quest Dunwoody for a ziplining adventure!

- Start the day with an alternative worship service at 9:45am on the hill overlooking the Playpark.
- Depart from the church at 10:15am.
- Return to the church by 2:00pm.

Please make sure your youth eats a hearty breakfast beforehand. We'll provide snacks, but not a full lunch.

Ziplining tickets are \$48.

Please let AJ know if your youth would like to join this event (if you haven't already reserved a spot).

An up-to-date schedule of activities is always available at www.northwestpresbyterianchurch.org/northwest-youth.

Contact AJ at aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org

Children's Programs

Children's Morning Fellowship – this is a time of fun, games, crafts, etc. during the Adult Sunday School hour. Meeting in the Children's Building, Room 2.

Children & Worship – following the Time with Young Disciples during worship, children ages 4 years to 5th grade are invited to follow Marina Greiner and an adult helper upstairs to the Upper Room above the Narthex. Children will engage in a simplified and age-appropriate order of worship that includes liturgical greetings, songs of praise, and a sensorimotor style of storytelling that follows the Bible passages of the church year calendar. On communion Sundays, children will rejoin their parents for the communion portion of the service. Other Sundays, please pick up your children upstairs after the service.

Wednesday Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study 9:30am in the conference room.
Men's Bible Study 10am in the Youth Lodge.

Nursery Childcare

Nursery care is provided in Room 1 of the Children's Building, and is available from 9:00-11:45am, or at the conclusion of any after-church event. Children who are newborn through age 3 are welcome. Parents, please bring diapers, a change of clothes, and any medications or other needed items. Please do not bring food containing nuts.

Sunday School

The Adult Bible Study Class meets in the Session Room at 9:00am.

The class will be using the *Feasting on the Word* Bible studies by the PC(USA). From Easter through Pentecost (on June 8), we will discuss passages having to do with the disciples after Jesus' resurrection, and stories from the book of Acts. Please join us in the Session room for a cup of coffee and good conversation.

Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday morning Women's Bible study group will start a new four-week discussion on May 7. The topic is "Loving our Neighbors." To all interested in joining the discussion, please download the PDF study guide: <https://tinyurl.com/msc733b4>

Men's Bible Study

The men's group is continuing through Luke's second volume of his narrative: the Book of Acts. Acts tells the stories of the disciples after Jesus' resurrection and ascension. Reading prior to group is not required. Let AJ know if you'd like to be added to the email list! We have fascinating and encouraging discussion.

“New Beginnings”

Paul Morton

This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that is gone.

For by the life and death of God’s mighty spirit
then can make for us a world of difference as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us with the spirit’s daring
step from the past and leave it all behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving
seeking new paths and sure to find
Christ is alive and goes before us to show and share what love can do
day of new beginnings our God is making all things new.

Sanctuary Flowers

Celebrate a birthday, wedding, anniversary, memorial, or any special occasion with a beautiful gift of flowers. Each week offers an opportunity to give thanks or remember someone dear by adorning our worship space with a floral dedication.

To reserve your dedication, please email admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org, or call 404-237-5539.

Be A Greeter



Be the first to say hello to friends and greet visitors arriving for worship. Greeters play an important part in welcoming newcomers and helping them get to where they need to be. Reserve your spot on SignUp Genius using the QR Code.

For more information contact a member of the Worship Team: Harriett Kelly, Rob Rankin, or Carol Rowland.